STATEMENT-IV

Details of number of housing colonies for the Telegraph employees in Rajasthan (District-wise)

S.No.	Name of Distt.	No. of Housing colonies
1.	Ajmer	4
2.	Alwar	7
3.	Banswara	1
4.	Baran	1
5.	Barmer	3
6.	Bharatpur	3
7.	Bhilwara	1
8.	Bikaner	2
9.	Bundi	1
10.	Chittorgarh	1
11.	Churu	-
12.	Dausa	-
13.	Dholpur	1
14.	Dungarpur	1
15.	Hanumangarh	1
16.	Jaipur	6
17.	Jaisalmer	1
18.	Jalore	1
19.	Jhalawar	1
20.	Jhunjhunu	2
21.	Jodhpur	3
22.	Kota	3
23.	Nagaur	2
24.	Pali	4
25.	Rajsamand	-
26.	Sawai Madhopur	2
27.	Sikar	-
28.	Sirohi	2
29.	Sriganganagar	1
30.	Tonk	1
31.	Udaipur	2
	Total	58

Note A block of staff quarters of more than one at a place has been considered as a colony

International Film Festival

1722. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be and pleased to state :

(a) whether any guidelines have been laid down for holding of the International Film Festival in either of the four metro cities:

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the venue is selected:

(c) whether the place of the next International Film Festival has been selected:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be selected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The venue of the festival is decided every year by rotation from among the major film producing centres in India besides New Delhi, taking into account all relevant factors.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The next International Film Festival will be held at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala).

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Employment in Tobacco Sector

1723. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to protect employment in the tobacco, cigarette and bidi sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to enhance employment in these sectors?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present as there seems to be no significant threat of unemployment among beedi workers at present.

(c) Several labour laws viz. the Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Wages Act, 1927 etc. are applicable to beedi workers and protect their interests. Moreover, a number of welfare schemes in the fields of health, housing, education and recreation are being implemented by the Government for the welfare of beedi workers.

[Translation]

Producers in Doordarshan

1724. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for according authorisation to the producers under the Commission programme by Doordarshan;

(b) the number of producers authorised under the programme during each of the last three years and

(c) the names of the programmes produced by them and the amount paid by Doordarshan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Programme requirements of Doordarshan. Track records of the Director. Executive Producer. Writer. Crew etc. are taken into consideration while authorising outisde producers to produce programmes on behalf of Doordarshan.

(b) The details are as under :

1993-94	-	207
1994-95	-	314
1995-96	-	84

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Tours By AI Flights

1725. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been under the consideration of the Government to make it compulsory for the Ministers and officers ot travel by Air India on their foreign tours where such services are available;

(b) if so. the details thereof: and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). Under the existing instructions in force foreign travel for which costs are borne by the Government of India are required to be undertaken on national carriers. where their services are available on the required days.

[English]

Tourism Infrastructure in Kerala

1726. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tourism infrastructure in Kerala remains undeveloped:

(b) the amount of Central assistance made available for tourism development during each of the last three years.

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve private sector in the development of tourism infrastructure in Kerala. and

(d) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM : (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). The development of tourism infrastructure is an on-going process and is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However. the Central Department of Tourism sanctioned financial assistance to the tune of Rs.589.45 lakhs to Kerala Government for the development of Tourism projects during the last three years as per the details given below :-

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	97.40
1994-95	307.05
1995-96	185.00
Total	589.45

(c) and (d). The Government of Kerala has identified two areas for attracting private investment The first area is Veli-Aakulam in Trivandrum district and the other is Bekal in northern Kerala.

Agriculture Labourers

1727. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the report of National Commission on Agriculture labour:

(b) if so. when and the main recommendations made by the Commission;

(c) whether the Government have processed the recommendations and details of action taken/proposed thereon: and

(d) the mechanism proposed to regulate the working conditions of agriculture labour and ensure a fair deal for them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. A. PINACHALAM) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

(d) A proposal for a Central legislation for agriculutral workers is at an advanced stage of consideration of the Government.

Child Labour

1728. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether enforcement of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act. 1986 rest with the State Governments and the enforcement machinery in some of the States is weak: